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REVIEWS.

Une Vue d' Ensemble de la Question Sociale; le Problème, la Méthode. By LOUIS WUARIN. Paris: L. Larose. Pp. 266. Fr. 3.50.

THIS compact little volume is full of mature and available wisdom about everyday phases of social questions. Professor Wuarin writes not as a closet philosopher but from close touch with affairs, and his book has the flavor of personal experience and experiment. He summarizes the history of "the social question," and then shows that it is a problem of more than one unknown quantity. The third part of the book is a discussion of method—not of abstract theorizing about the social question, but of reaching conclusions about what to do in the portion of the problem in which one may be a possible factor. A fourth part discusses "obstacles in social economy," viz., politics, polemic processes, the social environment, prostitution, religion, sentimentality, irreligion, social Darwinism, professional whims, dilettantism, political economy. The whole treatment is judicial, and while no strikingly fresh views are presented, the book is a distinct contribution to the reference literature of social reform.

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Conscience et Volonté Sociales. By J. NOVICOW. Bibliothèque sociologique internationale. No. VI. Paris: V. Giard et E. Brière. Pp. 381. Broché 6 fr.

THIS book will both amuse and instruct American readers. It pushes analysis in social psychology into details which even Schaeffle has left practically unnoticed, but it urges some special conclusions about social structure with a seriousness which democrats will hardly be able to share. M. Novicow frankly admires British aristocracy as an institution. He believes that a glorified British aristocracy is essential to the highest social attainment, and he finds conclusive reasons for his creed in the *organic concept of society!* Our faith in the